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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION**

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INVENTION: "SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS AND SIGNAL PROCESSING  
METHOD"

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Between the title and the heading "Background of the Invention" on page 1, insert the following:

--RELATED APPLICATION DATA

The present application claims priority to Japanese Application No. P2000-253306 filed August 24, 2000, which applications are incorporated herein by reference to the extent permitted by law.--

Respectfully submitted,

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